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King Investigation Findings To Be Released This Week

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The U.S. Department of Justice's extensive 8-month probe into the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King has ended and findings in the investigation are expected to be released this week.

[illegible] Shelton of the Justice Department's civil rights division in Washington, D.C., said the report was made its way through channels to the desk of the U.S. Attorney General [illegible] the findings and conclusions should be made public "in a couple of days."

A source who has seen a copy of the report, however, indicated that the new investigation launched last May into the slaying of the civil rights leader may have produced few startling revelations.

"I wouldn't stay awake at night anticipating it (the report)," the source said.

The investigation was suggested by Sen. Frank Church's committee and the Attorney General's office in Washington authorized the probe.

Justice Department investigators spent several weeks last summer pouring over records in the files of the Memphis bureau of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as [illegible] in the Shelby County Attorney General's office and the Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's office.

[illegible]ton, 35, came to Memphis [illegible] to get the investigation [illegible]. The [illegible] of Jackson, Miss., is a former [illegible] U.S. Dist. Judge Robert M. McRae [illegible] Clerk said that [illegible] all of the [illegible] of [illegible] were [illegible] and investigation [illegible] King [illegible] in all of the [illegible]

King was [illegible] 1968, and James [illegible] after an international [illegible] guilty on March 10, 1969, to [illegible] killing King.

A few days later, however, the confessed assassin claimed he was coerced into making the guilty plea by Percy Foreman, his Houston, Tex., attorney.

Judge McRae turned down Ray's [illegible] a new hearing after an evidentiary hearing and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld that ruling.

Ray, serving a 99-year sentence, has recently been transferred from the state prison in Nashville to the state's [illegible] Mountain prison.